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SUBJECT: LOS: CONSULTATIONS WITH NIGER

SUMMARY: LOS SEPCIALIST NORDQUIST AND EMB LOS OFFICER

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MET WITH ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL OF FOREIGN MINISTRY

WRIGHT TO REVIEW LOS INTERESTS OF LANDLOCKED STATES.
WRIGHT REQUESTED BRIEFING PAPER ON POSITION
LANDLOCKED STATES SHOULD TAKE AT CONFERENCE. END SUMMARY.

1. LOS SPECIALSIT NORDQUIST AND EMB LOS OFFICERMET WITH
ANDRE WRIGHT, ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL OF FOREIGN MINISTRY
AND AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE TO IVORY COAST AND SENEGAL.
WRIGHT IS NOW LOS EXPERT FOR NIGER AND HOPES PO ATTEND
GENEVA CONFERENCE HE HAS PARTICIPATED IN
JURIDICAL EXPERT GROUP IN OAU WHEN OAU LOS POSITION
WAS FORMULATED.

2. RESULTS OF CARACAS SESSION WERE REVIEWED BY
NORDQUIST. IN MIDDLE OF EXPLANATION OF US STRAITS
POSITION, WRIGHT INTERRUPTED TO SAY THAT NIGER FULLY
SUPPORTED US AND SOVIET POSITION ON STRAITS. THEY DID
NOT BELIEVE MILITARY OR COMMERCIAL VESSELS SHOULD BE
SUBJECT TO POLITICAL WHIMS OF INDIVIDUAL STATES EITHER
ON HIGH SEAS OR IN INTERNATIONAL STRAITS SUCH AS
GIBRALTER. NORDQUIST STRESSED DESIRABILITY OF NIGER'S
PARTICIPATION IN GENEVA CONFERENCE (MARCH 17-MAY10)
AND WRIGHT STATED THAT NIGER'S AMB TO PARIS WOULD ATTEND.

3. SURPRISINGLY, WRIGHT WAS NOT FAMILIAR WITH US REVENUE
SHARING PROPOSALS. HE IMMEDIATELY SAW LINKAGE BETWEEN
THESE ISSUES AND NIGER'S VOTING ON OTHER ISSUES.

4. WRIGHT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT INTERNATIONAL RIGHT OF
ACCESS TO SEA WAS IMPORTANT TO NIGER BUT THERE WERE
PROBLEMS OBTAINING OAU SUPPORT. NIGERIA, FOR EXAMPLE,
WAS UNWILLING TO GIVE LANDLOCKED STATES FREEDOM TO MAKE
ARMS SHIPMENTS IN VIEW ITS BIAFRA EXPERIENCE.

5. NORDQUIST COMMENTED THAT OAU SHOULD NOT TIE HANDS
OF AFRICANS TO DETRIMENT OF MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS AT
CONFERENCE AND HANDED WRIGHT COPY OF AGUILAR
SUMMARY AS EXAMPLE OF HOW OAU POSITION MIGHT READ.
WRIGHT THEN URGED EMB TO PROVIDE BRIEFING PAPER ON
PRECISE POSITION US THOUGHT NIGER SHOULD TAKE AT
LOS CONVERENCE. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD SEEK APPOINT-
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MENT WITH PRESIDEPT KOUNTCHE TO OBTAIN AUTHORITY
TO EXPOUSE SUCH A POSITION IN GENEVA (UNDERLYING
ASSUMPTION WAS THAT NIGER AND US POSITIONS WERE
QUITE SIMILAR.) WRIGHT SAID PAPER SHOULD BE CONCISE,
TRANSLATED INTO FRENCH AND MADE AVAILABLE ASAP.

6. MEETING WENT VERY WELL AND WRIGHT WAS ENTHUSIASTIC
ABOUT DISCUSSING LOS. HE IS CLEARLY OVER-WORKED

AND MIGHT WELL USE PROPERLY DRAFTED PAPER PROVIDED BY
US AS NIGER'S BASIC POSITION AT CONFERENCE. HE ALSO
SAID HE WOULD DISTRIBUTE PAPER TO OTHER AFRICAN LAND-
LOCKED STATES.

7 WRIGHT LEAVES FOR ABIDJAN AS NIGER'S AMBASSADRO IN
EARLY NOVEMBER. REQUEST DEPT TELEGRPAH ABOVE PROPOSED LOG
POSITION PAPER TO ABIDJAN BY NOV 6. NORDQUIST WOULD
THEN BE ON HAND TO ANSWER ANY QUESTION WHEN PAPER
DELIVERED TO WRIGHT.HECK

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